

# State of New Jersey Voting Information

## You Can Vote in the Voting Machine if

- Your complete voter registration information is in the poll book,
- You currently live in the election district or moved out of the County after the close of registration for this election (Thereafter you must be registered in your new County),
- There are no successful challenges to your right to vote.  
*Instructions on use of the voting machine are available in the polling place. If you do not see them, ask any board worker.*

## Assistance in the Voting Machine

If you are blind, physically disabled or can not read the ballot on the machine, you will be allowed to have someone of your choice in the voting machine to assist you. BUT under federal law, you can not get assistance from a representative of your employer or union for federal elections.

If you are alone and are entitled to assistance, two board workers of opposite political parties may help you. **You have the right to have both workers assist you or one worker — It is your choice.**

The district board workers must first fill out a disability certificate for you before you go into the voting machine.

## Challenge Process

If your right to vote is challenged, the board workers may ask you for identification and you must sign an affidavit. **The challenger must also sign an affidavit.**

If the board workers vote to reject the challenge or there is a tie vote on the challenge, you have the right to vote in the voting machine.

If the board votes to uphold the challenge, you may not vote but you have the right to go to a Superior Court Judge to get a court order to vote. The board workers must tell you where to go to see the Judge.

## Standing in Line to Vote

If you are on line to vote after the polls have closed — **You MUST be allowed to vote. Board Workers CAN NOT turn you away.**

## Exit Polling — It Is Legal

You may be asked by a member of the press about your voting when you are leaving the polling place. **You do not have to answer any questions — it is your choice.**

## Election Offenses

- **Electioneering** — It is a crime under state law to electioneer within 100 feet from the outside entrance to the polling place up to and including the polling room.  
There can be no campaign signs or material in this area and no one can campaign on behalf of any candidate or public question to be voted upon.
- **Fraudulent Voting** — It is a crime under federal and state law to attempt to vote or vote knowing you are not entitled to vote or to provide false information when registering to vote or voting.  
You are not permitted to vote more than once in an election.
- **Conspiracy** — It is a federal crime to conspire to deprive voters of a fair election.

## Complaint Forms

Forms are available if you have a complaint regarding the conduct of the election at this polling place. Ask any board worker.

## ID Requirements for First-time Registrants by Mail Only

1. If you registered to vote by mail in this County after January 1, 2003, and never voted in a federal election in the County, you were required to provide identification. If you did not provide identification before voting for the first time at the polling place **you must show the board workers identification today**

2. An identifying document may include, **but not limited**, to: Any Valid and Current Photo ID:

- Driver's License
- Military or other Government ID
- Student or Job ID
- Store Membership Card, or,

Any current document that has your name and address on it, **including but not limited to:**

- Bank statement
- Pay check
- Car registration
- Rent receipt
- Government check or document
- Sample ballot
- Non-photo driver's license
- Utility bill

**If you DO NOT show the board workers any identification you CAN NOT vote in the voting machine. You MUST vote with a provisional paper ballot.**

## Challenger Do's & Don'ts

### Challengers Can:

1. Challenge a voter if the challenger believes the voter is **not qualified to vote.**

In order to vote a person must be:

- a United States citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- a resident of the County for at least 30 days before the election
- registered to vote

**A person on probation or parole for a felony conviction can not vote.**

**A challenger must sign an affidavit stating the reason for the challenge.**

### Challengers Can Not:

1. Challenge a voter for any of these reasons:
  - a. they think they know how the voter is going to vote
  - b. the race or ethnic origin of the voter
  - c. where the voter lives in the town or county**It is a criminal offense for a challenger to challenge a voter for any of the above 3 reasons.**
2. Sit with the district board workers or touch the election materials
3. Go to the voting machine during the voting hours
4. Challenge the voter directly. Only the district board can ask the voter questions.
5. Wear any campaign buttons, signs or wear any campaign clothing
6. Harass or intimidate any voters; or cause any disturbances in the polling place.
7. Challenge a voter because the district board asks the voter to affirm his or her residence or asks a first-time registrant by Mail to show identification.

## Provisional Ballot Voting

### You MUST Vote by Provisional Ballot if:

1. You are a registered voter in the County who moved and did not notify the County Commissioner of Registration before election day of your current address; therefore your registration information is not in the poll book; **or,**
2. Your registration information is not complete in the poll book; for example your signature or address is missing; **or,**
3. You are a first-registrant by mail in the county after January 1, 2003 who has not provided identification information.

### How to Vote by Provisional Ballot:

1. The board worker will give you a paper ballot and an envelope.
2. Vote the ballot. The board worker must provide you with a place to vote the ballot in secret.
3. Put the voted ballot in the envelope and seal it.
4. Complete the "Affirmation Statement" that is attached to the envelope.
5. Give the envelope to the board worker.
6. Watch the board worker put the envelope in the orange provisional ballot nylon bag.
7. You may put your ballot in the orange bag yourself, if you want to instead of the board worker.

### No Provisional Ballot is Counted at the Polling Place

**All provisional ballots are taken to the County Commissioner of Registration's office after the close of the polls for verification and counting by the County Board of Election**

**After the election, you can call 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837) to find out if your ballot was counted. If your ballot was not counted, you can find out why it was rejected.**



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